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SUB: CLERGYMAN CONTINUES TO RAISE ISSUE OF POLICE MISCONDUCT

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SUMMARY- CHURCHMEN AFFILIATED WITH CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
ARE CONTINUING CAMPAIGN TO PUBLICIZE ALLEGED POLICE MISCONDUCT
WITH DISTRIBUTION TO ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT APRIL 18 OF
DOCUMENT ENTITLES "THE RIOT POLICE AND THE SUPPRESSION OF
TRUTH". OPPOSITION MPS, BOTH UP AND PRP, HAVE AGAIN CALLED
FOR JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION WHILE JUSTICE MINISTER KRUGER
HAS AGAIN CALLED FOR WITNESSES TO PRESENT THE FACTS.

END SUMMARY

1. REF A REPORTED PUBLICATION EARLY THIS YEAR BY GROUP OF
MINISTERS IN BLACK TOWNSHIPS HERE OF DOCUMENT ALLEGING THAT
RIOT POLICE INCITED AND ASSISTED MIGRANT WORKERS TO ATTACK
RESIDENTS OF NYANGA TOWNSHIPS DURIING RIOTS OVER CHRISTMAS
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WEEKEND LAST YEAR. THE PUBLICATION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BANNED.
ON FEBRUARY 17 ONE OF THE MINISTERS, REV. DAVID RUSSELL, AN
ANGLICAN PRIEST ASSIGNED TO A CHURCH IN NYANGA, WAS SENTENCED
BY CAPE TOWN MAGISTRATE'S COURT TO THREE UEARS INPRISONMENT
FOR REFUSING TO DIVULGE NAMES OF THREE EYE-WITNESSES TO
ALLEGED POLICE ACTS. RUSSELL IS FREE WHILE SENTENCE IS BEING
APPEALED.

2. IN LATEST PAMPHLET RUSSELL PROVIDES ADDITIONAL ALLEGED EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS, NOTES THAT SAG-APPOINTED CILLIE COMMISSION ON LAST YEAR'S RIOTS REFUSED REQUEST BY NYANGA RESIDENTS THAT IT HOLD SEPARATE HEARING ON THESE CHARGES AND ARGUES THAT POLICE, RATHER THAN INVESTIGATING THEIR OWN, HAVE RESORTED TO HARASSMENT OF CLERGY TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL RIOT POLICEMEN(WHO WEAR NO IDENTIFYING BADGES) AND PROVISIONS OF NEW INDEMNITY AC (CAPE TOWN 0125) WHICH ASSUMES "GOOD FAITH" OF STATE AND ITS AGENTS IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS, MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT JUDICIAL INQUIRY WOULD ACHIEVE REDRESS FOR PAST GRIEVANCES. HE SAID MEMORANDUM BEING PUBLISHED IN HOPE IT WOULD ACT AS "DETERRENT" IN FUTURE.

3. BOTH UP AND PRP SPOKESMEN HAVE AGAIN CALLED FOR JUDICIAL INQUIRY. HELEN SUZMAN OF PRP REPORTEDLY SAID SHE KNEW RUSSELL PERSONALLY AND TOOK ALLEGATIONS "SERIOUSLY". SHE SAID SHE HAD PERSONALLY SUBMITTED AFFADAVITS TO CILLIE COMMISSION ON COMPLAINTS OF RIOT POLICE VIOLENCE DURING LAST YEARS SOWETO UNREST. SHE CALLED FOR CILLIE COMMISSION TO RETURN TO CAPE TOWN TO HEAR EVIDENCE ON THE NYANGA EVENTS.

4. MINISTER OF POLICE JIMMY KRUGER REPORTEDLY SAID IN INTERVIEW APRIL 18 HE WAS "QUITE PREPARED" TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE BRUTALITY OF "GIVEN THE FACTS". THOSE HAVING AFFADAVITS SHOULD SUBMIT THEM. "I CAN'T SEE WHAT MORE WE CAN DO".

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5. APPEARANCE OF RUSSEL'S MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS RECENT BANNING OF CI PUBLICATION ENTITLES "TORTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA?" (REF B. WHILE IT UNLIKELY TO RESULT IN ANY NEW INQUIRY, IT DOES HAVE THE EFFECT OF KEEPING THE ISSUE OF POLICE CONDUCT BEFORE THE PUBLIC. COPY OF MEMORANDUM BEING FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT (AF/SL.

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